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Daniel S. Opperman
Bankruptcy Judge

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Term Expires: July 2020

Legal Practice: Attorney, Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.

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Walter Shapero

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Michigan 1951 AB; Virginia 1954 LLB
Began Service: July 15, 2002

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court (1954-1956)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Detroit Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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Paul Lewis Maloney
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Lehigh 1972 BA; Detroit 1975 JD
Began Service: July 18, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office, County of Berrien, Michigan (1975-1989); Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecutor's Office, County of Berrien, Michigan (1981-1989); Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1989-1993); Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Corrections, State of Michigan (1993-1995); District Judge, Trial Court, County of Berrien, Michigan (1995-1996)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Trial Court, County of Berrien, Michigan (1996-2007)

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Began Service: August 2007
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Robert Holmes Bell
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1966 BA;
Wayne State 1969 JD
Began Service: August 6, 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Government: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1969-1973)

Judicial: Judge, Michigan District Court, 55th Judicial Court (1973-1979); Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit (1979-1987)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1972)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Christian Legal Society; District Judges Association of the Sixth Circuit; Western District of Michigan, Federal Bar Association; The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies; State Bar of Michigan

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Gordon J. Quist
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: Michigan State 1959 BA; George Washington 1962 JD
Began Service: August 28, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Hollabaugh & Jacobs (1962-1964); Sonnenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Rosenthal, & Nath (1964-1966); Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1967-1992); Managing Partner, Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1986-1992)

Current Memberships: Michigan State Bar Foundation

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Robert James Jonker
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960
Education: Calvin Col 1982 BA; Michigan 1985 JD
Began Service: July 18, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge John F. Feikens, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1985-1987)

Legal Practice: Associate, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1987-1993); Partner, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1994-2007)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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Janet T. Neff
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Wayne State 1970 JD
Began Service: August 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals (1970-1971)

Government: Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (1971-1973); Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court (1978-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1980)

Legal Practice: VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook (1973-1978); William G. Reamon, PC (1980-1988)

Current Memberships: Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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